

THOMAS NICOL
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eran; also in Echo Canyon War.

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NICOL, THOMAS (son of Thomas Nicol and Elizabeth Dry-
ber, Coletton, Scotland). Born Nov. 22, 1824, at Coletton.
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Married Elizabeth Watson 1842, Fifeshire, Scotland, who
was born March 10, 1819, and came to Utah 1853; died
1858. Their children: Abraham b. Oct. 1, 1847; Catherine
b. Sept. 30, 1848; Thomas b. Jan. 1, 1850; George b. Jan. 3,
1851; Elizabeth b. Dec. 18, 1852; James W. May 29, 1853; Ann
b. Feb. 8, 1856; Archibald b. Jan. 23, 1858; all these children
died young. Family home Bountiful, Utah.

Married Johanna Christina Handberg March 11, 1853, Salt
Lake City (daughter of John Handberg and Christina
Traine of Copenhagen, Denmark, pioneers 1857, Christian
Christiansen handcart company). She was born March
11, 1839. Their children: Josephine Maria b. Jan. 25,
1859; m. Alva M. Murdock; Thomas Handberg b. Jan. 29,
1861; Johanna Christina b. Dec. 25, 1863; and Jeannette
Elizabeth b. Nov. 4, 1864, latter three died in childhood;
Rachel Ann b. March 6, 1866, d. young; Sarah Matilda
b. April 18, 1868, m. Heber Giles Crook; Adolphus Alex-
ander b. May 9, 1870, d. child; Moroni b. Jan. 9, 1871, d.
1881; Joseph Alma b. Jan. 7, 1873, d. young; Hyrum Chase
b. Feb. 9, 1876, m. Isabella Crawford Murdock; Gabriel
Blake b. Oct. 29, 1878, m. Estella Duke.

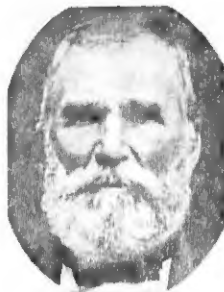
Married Johanna C. Hansen Dec. 14, 1864, Salt Lake City,
who came from Denmark. Only child: Dora Elizabeth b.
Sept. 29, 1865, m. James S. Murdock. Family home Heber
City, Utah.

Married Maria Nelson Dec. 1, 1866, Salt Lake City, native
of Denmark. Only child: John Thomas b. Sept. 3, 1867,
died. Family home Heber City, Utah. 1068

PIONEERS AND PROM

Missionary in Scotland; high priest. Indian war veteran.
In the forefront in Echo Canyon trouble, with Lot Smith
company. Located at Bountiful 1854, and in 1858 returned
to Salt Lake City. In 1860 moved to Moroni; then to Heber
City; fought Indians both places. Pioneered in all the
early necessary improvements; made two trips to Missouri
river to bring immigrants to Utah. Died Dec. 23, 1909,
Heber City, Utah.

THOMAS NICOL



Thomas Nicol was born November 22,
1824, at Coletton, Fifeshire, Scotland. We
have no definite information regarding his
parents and his early life, other than the
fact that he was working in the coal mines
at an early age, an occupation he followed
as long as he was in Scotland. In 1842 he
married Eliabeth Watson in Fifeshire.

About the year 1845, Elders of The
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
came into that part of Scotland, preaching
the gospel as restored to Joseph Smith. This
caused a great stir among the people of
that country, who as a rule were very re-
ligious, but were very slow to accept new
ideas in regard to God and the gospel as
taught in the Bible and interpreted by the
ministers of the various churches. Thomas
was honest enough to listen to what the
Elders had to say and to compare their
teachings with the scriptures. In time he
became fully convinced they had the true
gospel with authority to preach it, which
the others did not. Therefore he became
baptized and became an ardent advocate
of the doctrines taught by the Latter-day
Saints. He soon was ordained an Elder and
went out as a local missionary, visiting the
nearby villages, holding street meetings,
and doing his best to bring the people to the

knowledge of the gospel and its beauty as
he saw it. He was very earnest himself in
his beliefs and made some converts.

About 1854, as near as we can learn, the
way was opened for him to go to Zion. As
many other saints, he gladly left his na-
tive land and friends, casting his lot with
the rest of the people of God. After pass-
ing through many trials and hardships, he
arrived in Utah. He made his first home in
Utah, at Bountiful, but soon moved to San-
pete, where he worked in the coal mines.
As far as we can learn, he lived in Salt
Lake a few years and it is probable his
first wife died there when about to give
birth to her seventh child. Only two of
the children were alive at the time of her
death and one of them died soon after.

While living alone and trying to care
for the motherless child, two young Danish
girls who had just arrived as immigrants,
with no friends or home, were introduced
to him and he offered them a welcome home
for as long as they cared to stay, as he
could not care for the child and attend to
his work at the Church Temple quarry
at the same time. One of the girls soon got
tired and wanted to leave. He told them
that he was willing that both should go or
that both could stay, but that if one went
the other would have to marry him or go,
too. One of them, Johannah Christine Han-
berg, stayed and married him. This was
in about 1856 and they were married in
the Endowment House in Salt Lake. She
was a kind and loving wife to him as long
as she lived.

In 1860 he moved to Heber, as he was
anxious to obtain some land and make a
home. The valley had just been settled the
year before. He acquired some land, on
which he raised grain and hay and fed
cattle. He built a house and settled down
to work early and late. Although they lacked
many of the necessities of life, he was
happy with his young wife and their little
family. It was necessary for him to meet
many trials and misfortunes. Some time
in the fall of 1863 scarlet fever broke out
and three of his children died within two
days. All three were buried in one grave,
and not long after the only child left by
his first wife died. His wife also died a
little later, but we do not know exactly
when.

On December 1, 1864, he married Johanna
Kirsten Jensen in the Endowment House in
Salt Lake. She was very delicate and lived
but a year. She left a baby, Dora Eliza-
beth, who was born September 29, 1865.
In spite of all the sickness, death and many
other difficulties he had to meet, Thomas
Nicol did not complain nor did his faith
in God and the gospel falter. He was nat-
urally a man of great faith and courage.
Though humble and submissive to those in
authority in the Church, he would not stand
abuse from any man. He had great faith
in administering to the sick and many have
been healed under his hands. He always ac-
knowledgeed the hand of the Lord in all the
many trials and troubles he met in his event-
ful life.

He was an Indian war veteran and did
his part in defending the early settlers from
the attacks of the Indians. He was a mem-
ber of the High Priests' Quorum many years.
He died December 23, 1907, loved and re-
spected by all who knew him.

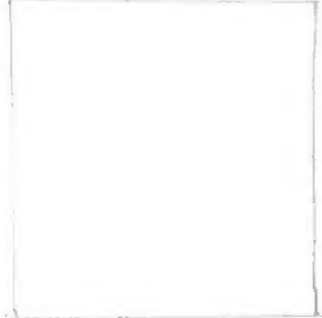
Thom. Nicol Home
Heber Utah



Main Street

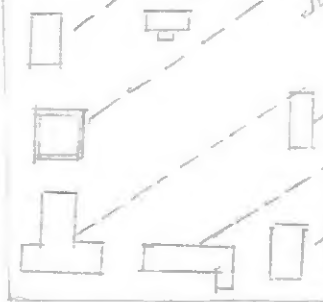
100 North

1st East



200 North

2nd East



June Wheeler Home
Nelson Jacobsen Home

Thomas Nicol
Johanna Christine Handberg

Old Heber 1st Ward
Ben Turner Home

Dr Robert Raymond Green home
Willard Handberg

Became
Neph Jacobsen home
later Joan Tadd "

Later ship lap
yellow frame
home of Bill
Smith & Nellie
Later J. William
Jordan Bought
this corner &
built new red
brick Home

200 North

3rd East

300 North



Residence of the agent, agent in the
Name: C. Jacobson
1-1-1864
at 1-1-1864

6#1 road 31/1/69 64

→ Nephi Jacobson Home

C#1, Thomas and 1.) 18 Jan 1842, Elizabeth Watson 3) 14 Dec 1864 Johanna Kristine Jensen

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no Jennett MA (2) Fred Stockfled

(3) Mr. Bradbury

